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1. GUNFIRE IN AREA OF PALACE AND CBC DYING DOWN. CBC
CONTINUING TO BROADCAST NOTICE THAT NATIONAL GUARD IN CONTROL,
APPEAL FOR CALM, INSIST (PRESUMABLY FOR BENEFIT OF TURKS)
THAT THIS IS AN INTRA-GREEK MATTER.

2. PRESENT GUNFIRE SPORADIC IN CENTRAL CITY. NO EVIDENCE
THAT ANYBODY IS SHOOTING AT TURKS, EXCEPT UNIDENTIFIED MACHINE GUN
BURSTS IN GREEN LINE AREA. LARGE AREA OF FIRES IN EASTERN EDGE OF
CITY PROBABLY FROM NATIONAL GUARD CAMP THERE.

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3. SO FAR, INDICATIONS THAT INVOLVED NATIONAL GUARD UNITS FOLLOWED COMMAND OF THEIR OFFICERS. (GOCYPRUS HAD HOPED THAT MANY SOLDIERS WOULD REFUSE TO MARCH AGAINST PRESIDENT.) HOWEVER, BURSTS OF FIRE IN NEARBY NG TRAINING CAMP PLUS FIRES ABOVE SUGGEST THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INTRA-GUARD CONFLICT.

4. PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ROOF HAS COLLAPSED IN FLAMES.

5. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT RECIVING INCOMING TRAFFIC. IF ANKARA HAS ANY GUIDANCE CONCERNING TURKISH REACTION WHICH WOULD RELATE TO LOCAL E&E PLANNING, SUGGEST YOU PUNCH TO US MANUALLY.
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